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MUST SHOW ASTORIA.

When it comes to the sale of a railroad, and one that has a peculiar and cogent relation to this city, verification of the most adequate sort is an inseparable element of the news before this people, or this paper, takes any real stock in the report. The sale of the Astoria & Columbia to the Northern Pacific might be a matter of vital concern to this city if it were true; but for the time being it is absolutely "in the air." If it shall be confirmed, there will be season and occasion for comment, and of the larger kind; if it shall be disproven, comment is unnecessary. Astoria must be "shown" conclusively, in either direction. It knows what the subject means to it, in either case. And pending proof of its determination, we still stand for the Astoria initiative in the building of the Astoria-Tillamook railroad. That exercise of the initial spirit, must of itself, force the hands of others interested, and bring to light the submerged plans in this direction. The Astorian has infinite faith in the project and will hew to the line of a local impetus, despite all the rumors floated in Portland or elsewhere in derogation of our hopes. It is bound to come, in time, and the city might as well have the credit of hastening it, as to await, supinely, the developments held in abeyance at the headquarters of the Hill system, or the Harriman system, or the Santa Fe system, or any of the other sources of transportation jugglery. When the Northern Pacific shall formally take over the A. & C., we will know what it means and will meet in all fairness; ad interim, we simply ask the consideration of the live citizenry of this community of an essentially live scheme well within their scope of participation and certainly within their sphere of profit.

THINK IT OVER.

Speaking of what a newspaper does for a community, United States Senator David Davis of Illinois, made an address that remains ever green in the memories of newspaper men. He said: "Every year every local paper gives from 50 to 5000 free lines for the benefit of the community in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The editor in proportion to his means does more for his own town than any other man. He ought to be supported not because you happen to like him or admire his writing the best, but because a local paper is the best investment a community can make."

THE MODEL GIRL.

Her motto is: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The real queen of the rosebud garden of girls is she who scatters kind words, kind smiles and sweet courtesies along the way, who remembers her friends at all seasons with equal cordiality. Another characteristic of the model girl is quiet dignity. It is the perfect

virtue that results from the mingling of gentleness and self-respect with an atom of consideration thrown in to make the different parts mingle perfectly and make a delightful type of girlhood. Her dignity diffuses itself like the perfume of a rose; you delight in it as much as you respect it.

Patience, self-control, kindness and veracity also characterize the model girl. She bears in mind that "Rome was not built in a day," and so bides her time, not in too big a hurry when any object is to be accomplished. Self-control is the base of all virtues. Character exhibits itself in control of speech as much as in anything else.

COST OF OLEOMARGARINE.

The actual cost of materials in oleomargarine made according to the formula sworn to by the Armour Company in a damage suit, is \$2.91 per 100 pounds; the net cost at Chicago, ready for the market, including cost of tubs and special tax, is \$6.41 per 100 pounds. These facts illustrate and emphasize the necessity of a rigid enforcement of the oleo law for the protection of our dairymen, which requires that every package of oleo shall be stamped and sold as such.

ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

Women who wish to be handsome must sleep face downward. At least that is what Mme. Linda Ross Wade told the women at the dressmakers' convention. Incidentally she gave a demonstration of the real thing, with the aid of a brass bed and a model in a beribboned "nightie." "Now, when I studied physiology," said Mme. Wade, "I learned that people ought to sleep on their sides. I slept that way for many years before I found I was wrong. It caused me to have dreams, and I don't like them a bit, especially when they savor of the race track variety. I began to study the matter, and came to the conclusion, after a scientific process of reasoning, that the proper way to sleep is face down."

"SO TIRED."

A woman 51 years old took her own life in Chicago recently, leaving to her sorrowing family this only explanation: "I am so tired, so tired—there is so much to do." She had finished her task before she had sought death. Her home had been made clean and neat. A heavy washing had been dried, ironed and laid out in neat orderly piles. Then she had gone to the attic of the little home and with her own tired hands had welcomed death. There is a sad lesson to the living who may still have a tired mother in the household, bearing the heavy burdens uncomplainingly, and should be dear to whom she cares for so faithfully. She should be given every help possible from the stronger sons and daughters who are neglecting the home duties that they might perform, leaving them for the tired mother to do. "I am so tired, so tired—there is so much to do." Too many a good mother feels it as she goes on and on bearing the burdens. Too many well grown children forget it as they seek pleasure and pastime and constantly add to the burdens of the mother which should be lightened as the years go by.—Drover's Journal.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Bishop Potter's proposition for twenty-minute sermons is meeting with popular favor. Push it along until a similar limitation is placed on political speeches and Chautauqua lectures.

Just at a time when all Russia seems to be crazy with passion it must not be overlooked that there are 12,800 men of that nation who are eminently in their right senses. They are prisoners of war who have asked permission to stay in Japan.

It is a great thing for a boy to find out just what his "bent" in life is, and to then concentrate all his energy on developing that talent. Sidney Smith knew what he was writing about when he wrote "Whatever you are by nature, keep to it; never desert your line of talent. Be what nature intended you for, and you will succeed; be anything else and you will be ten thousand times worse than nothing."

The sooner a young man learns that merely letting bad things alone will not make a man of him the better. He must not only avoid the bad, but he must choose to do the good. If he would become strong, he must do noble things, not merely avoid doing ignoble things. The best way to let bad things alone, is to be so busy and preoccupied doing the good things that there will be no desire to do the others.

"Patents cost too much," said an inventor. "It should be as cheap to patent an invention as to copyright a book. It cost but \$1. As it is, many

a man hits on a good invention and then is afraid to risk his money patenting it. No wonder, either. Do you know what it costs really to protect an invention—to protect it all over the world? It costs \$2300 and it requires the taking out of no less than sixty-seven different patents."

The Erie railroad has just decided to spend \$1,500,000 in building an inter-urban road seventy-six miles in length along its route to handle its strictly local business and enable the regular train service to be devoted to traffic of longer distances. This is only one of the forms in which the electric lines may be able to supplement the steam roads, but it is clear from this instance that our means of land transportation may be on the eve of a considerable revolution.

PERSONAL MENTION.

August Larson of the Altoona Packing Company, was a business visitor in the city yesterday for a short time. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Christensen of Seaview, Wash., were in the city yesterday on a brief shopping trip. Howell Lewis of Fern Hill spent yesterday in the city.

E. P. Tobin of Portland was in the city yesterday in the interest of the Pacific Paper Company.

Commissioner C. C. Clark has returned from a trip to Nehalem City, where he went to sell some property.

C. L. Dubois of Seaside was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

A. J. Miller came in yesterday from his home at Seaside to remain a brief time on business.

J. J. Dimond arrived here yesterday from Portland to remain a short time on business.

L. H. Maxwell of Tillamook was in town yesterday for a short time.

J. C. Best a resident of Eugene is spending a few days in Astoria on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sinott arrived in the city yesterday noon from Portland to remain a few days with friends. T. Johnson of Dawson is in the city this week visiting for a short time with friends.

M. McLaughlin a resident of Hammond spent a brief time in the city yesterday on business.

James T. Wallace returned yesterday from a short trip to Portland where he was on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Suenes of Til-

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S. P. Morris arrived in town last evening to remain a few days.

Fred Moore of Seaside was in the city yesterday for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Busch of St. Louis are in the city this week visiting friends.

Alex Gilbert accompanied by Mrs. Gilbert have gone to California to remain there during the winter.

Mrs. G. R. Prael has returned from Portland where she spent a short time visiting her parents.

Otto Carlson arrived home from a few days business trip to Seattle and other Sound ports, via the noon express yesterday.

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